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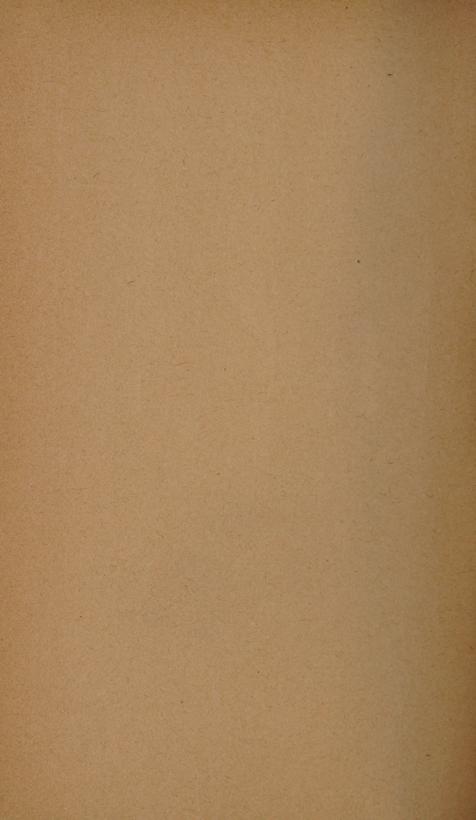
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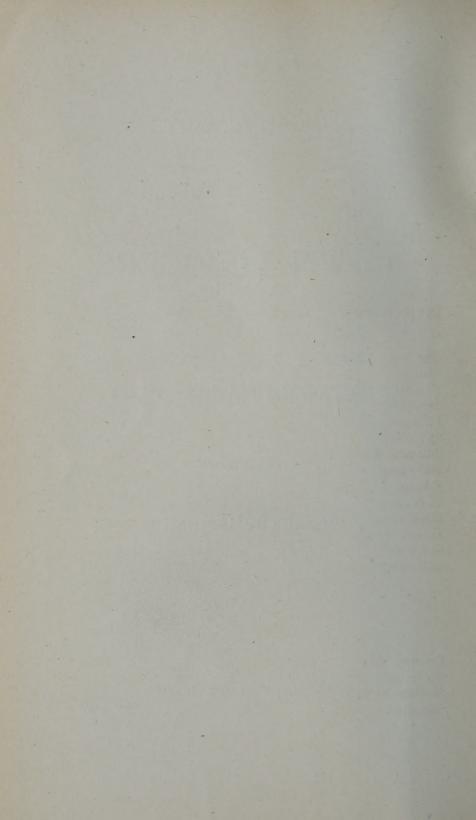
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REPORT OF

THE SELECTMEN OF WESTMORELAND,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1905.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, APRIL 1, 1904.

199 polls,	\$19,900	00
Real estate, resident,	307,355	00
Non-resident,	56,675	00
286 horses,	19,045	00
12 oxen,	705	00
987 cows,	26,617	00
362 neat stock,	7,411	00
260 sheep,	934	00
8 hogs,	99	00
Carriages,	400	00
Bank stock,	3,845	00
Money at interest,	17,180	00
Stock in trade,	6,000	00
Mills and ferries,	3,300	00
	\$469,466	00

ASSESSMENTS.

County tax,			\$972	65
State tax,			. 567	00
Schools by law,			1,134	00
Schools by vote,	-		450	00

Interest on debts,	\$175	00
To pay special agent,	28	11
School district debt,	500	00
Town charges,	1,200	00
Snow rollers,	200	00
Breaking roads,	150	00
For highways,	1,167	91
For library,	56	70
	\$6,601	27
Overlay,	205	
Overlay,		
Total assessments,	\$6,807	25
Rate per cent, .0145.		
EXPENDITURES.		
LAN LIVE I OKLS.		
188 orders, \$7,390.71 as follows:		
HIGHWAYS.		
District No. 1 E. C. Creams	0077	79
District No. 1, E. C. Greene, District No. 2, M. M. Greeley,	\$277 438	
District No. 2, M. M. Greeley, District No. 3, O. J. Ware,	134	
Outstanding,		28
Outstanding,	14	40
	\$865	47
SNOW ACCOUNT.		
Winter of 1903-1904:		
H. H. Rogers,	\$22	72
M. M. Greeley,	35	62
E. C. Greene,	20	07
E. J. Holden,	9	09
G. E. Patten,	3	00
Winter of 1904-1905:		
E. C. Greene,	45	13

M. M. Greeley,	\$4	65
F. W. Hall,		63
H. P. Stevens,		45
O. J. Ware,		35
A. J. Buffum,		50
3		-
Det The Table of t	\$203	21
TOWN PAUPERS.		
TOWN PAUPERS.		
Keene City Hospital, care of Herbert Leach,	\$30	87
Cheshire county, board Annie Amidon,	214	20
Aid, medical attendance, J. G. Hall,	17	65
	\$262	72
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COUNTY DEPENDENTS.		
Board, Mary Welsby,	\$6	00
Susan Reed,		50
Charles Hinds,		50
Medical attendance, J. A. Craig,		25
, 3		
	\$101	
Due from county,	\$31	75
TOWN HALL.		
C. H. Hart, supplies,	\$15	
Geo. Hall, repairing roof,		00
C. B. Perry, insurance,	12	
Glen Britton, labor,		45
Guy Pierce, slab wood,		50
L. A. Streeter, cleaning,		59
Glen Britton, janitor,	18	
J. E. Shelden, labor,		55
Universalist society, 60 chairs,		00
A. A. Barker, 10 cords wood,	35	00

W. W. Shelley, janitor, 1904, Kirk W. Wheeler, sawing 10 cords wood,		25 00
	\$129	45
Receipts,	\$46	60
MISCELLANEOUS.		
C. M. Scovell, trustee, recording deeds (1903), J. E. Hartwell, service of writ, C. H. Hart, salt for sluice,	\$2	25 75 60
F. E. Cobleigh, recording deeds,	1	25
Sentinel Printing Co., printing reports,	43	50
Repairs on road machine,	8	00
Express on same,		80
Knowlton & Stone, oil and brush,		75
Lois W. Leach, rent of building,		00
Cain & Benton, counsel,		00
E. J. Farr, repairs, road scraper,	157	65
M. S. Leach, snow rollers, C. H. Hersey, counsel fee,		00
W. H. Spalter, books, stationery, etc.,	13	
J. A. Craig, record of births, deaths,		50
j. 11 Craig, 10001d of bilding, addition,		
	\$248	36
KEEPING TRAMPS.		
J. Sheldon,	\$3	00
C. M. Scovell,		25
F. E. Cobleigh,	1	50
	\$15	75
BRIDGES, LUMBER, ETC.		
M. M. Greeley,	\$58	22
E. C. Greene,	41	
C. M. Scovell, abutments, Hall road,		25

Philo S. Wilber, stringers, A. A. Barker, plank, A. A. Pierce, plank, etc., New steel bridge, C. M. Scovell, labor,	\$2 15 21 350 6	00 09
	\$557	06
BOUNTY ON PORCUPINES.		
270 at 25c each,	\$67	50
Due from state,	\$8	
USE OF WATER.		
Geo. E. Patten,	\$1	50
F. B. Pierce, two years,		00
E. A. Farr, two years,		00
S. H. Burt,	1	50
	\$9	00
County tax,	\$972	65
State tax,	\$567	00
Middle St Million William	\$1,539	65
CEMETERIES.		
W. C. Hatch, labor,	\$1	00
LIBRARY ACCOUNT.		
Willard Bill, Jr., trustee, raised by law,	\$56	70
Willard Bill, Jr., trustee, part of West fund,		23
	\$113	93
SCHOOL SUPPLIES.		
Paid 15 orders of school board,	\$77	98
Due school district account: Raised by law,	\$1,134	00

Raised by vote,	\$450	00
Raised for debt,	500	00
Due state literary fund,	91	30
Due town trust funds,	196	42
Due from dog license,	100	0.0
Raised for special repairs,	28	11
	\$2,499	83
Paid orders drawn by schoolboard:		
F. A. Knight, note and interest,	\$575	00
G. H. Aldrich, insurance,	40	0.0
A. A. Barker, special repairs,	28	11
A. A. Barker, school treasurer, 4 orders,	1,700	00
	\$2,343	11
Due district to balance,	\$156	72
INTEREST ON TOWN DEBTS.		
Town literary fund note,	\$106	36
Town literary fund note, Interest two Fox fund notes,		36 50
	11	
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Willard Bill, Jr., auditor and clerk, E. C. Bryant, librarian, A. A. Barker, selectman, F. E. Cobleigh, selectman, C. M. Scovell, selectman, A. A. Barker, school district treasurer, J. A. Craig, town treasurer, J. A. Craig, board of health,	35 50 60 65 10 35	00 00 00
SCHOOL DISTRICT INTEREST ACCOUNT	NT.	
Raised by vote of district, Paid A. A. Barker, school district treasurer, in	\$175	00
terest on note of F. A. Knight, Due from school district, cash paid for insurance	\$7 5	00
on new schoolhouse,	40	00
Cash in town treasury, due district to balance,	60	00
	\$175	00
SUMMARY.		
Highways,	\$865	47
Snow account,	203	21
Town dependents,	262	72
County dependents,	101	25
Town hall account,	129	45
Miscellaneous,	248	36
Keeping tramps,		75
Bridges, lumber, etc.,	557	06
Bounty on porcupines,		50
Use of water,	~	00
County tax,	972	
State tax,	567	
Cemeteries,	1	
Library,	113	
School supplies,	11	30

School district account, Interest on town debts, Town officers,	\$2,343 132 722	86
	\$7,390	71

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

INDEBTEDNESS.

Town literary fund note,	\$1,772	67
Accrued interest,	* /	32
J. A. Craig, trustee, note Dec. 4, 1897,	150	00
Accrued interest,	8	50
J. A. Craig, trustee, note April 1, 1898,	150	00
Accrued interest,	6	25
J. A. Craig, trustee, note April 15, 1896,	150	00
Accrued interest,	6	00
J. A. Craig, trustee, note July 7, 1900,	100	00
Accrued interest,	2	40
Clara M. Cobb, note Aug. 4, 1900,	100	00
Accrued interest,	7	65
Dog license due school district,	136	57
Due school district account,	156	72
Due school district, interest account,	100	00
J. A. Craig, trustee, West fund note,	500	00
Order No. 183 issued not paid,	35	00
	\$3,478	08

ASSETS.

Due from school district, cash paid for insurance,	\$40	00
Due from county dependent claim,	31	75
Taxes in hands of collector,	455	28
Due from state on bounty claim,	8	25
Cash in treasury.	,983	03
 \$2	,518	31

Indebtednesss, Assets,	\$3,478 08 2,518 31
Amount of town debt, Amount reduction during the year,	, \$959 77 \$573 36
Respectfully submitted,	

F. E. COBLEIGH,
A. A. BARKER,
C. M. SCOVELL,
Selectmen of Westmoreland.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the Year ending February 15, 1905.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1904,	\$521	19
Clinton C. Hall, collector, 1904,	6,351	97
Clinton C. Hall, collector, interest 1904,	3	49
Clinton C. Hall, collector, 1903,	144	68
Kirke W. Wheeler, collector, 1901,	36	99
Kirke W. Wheeler, collector, 1902,	247	78
Kirke W. Wheeler, collector, interest 1902,	6	88
County pauper claim, April term,	58	00
County pauper claim, October term,	67	75
Aid for dependent soldiers,	41	35
Solon A. Carter, railroad tax,	215	41
Solon A. Carter, savings bank tax,	336	85
Solon A. Carter, literary fund,	91	30
Solon A. Carter, school fund,	137	50
Solon A. Carter, hedgehog bounty refunded,	65	00
Selectmen, note from West library fund,	5 00	00
Selectmen, first annual payment West library		
fund,	100	00
E. J. Goodnow, town clerk, dog license,	136	57
Glen E. Britton, receipts from town hall,	46	60
M. M. Greeley, for lumber,	2	5 0
Selectmen, interest on five town notes,	132	86
J. A. Craig, trustee, interest on school fund,	63	56
J. A. Craig, trustee, interest on Warren Shelly		
cemetery fund,	2	03

J. A. Craig, trustee, interest on Lucy E. Stratton cemetery fund, 3	03 37
J. A. Craig, trustee, interest on Charlotte West cemetery fund, 12	00
\$9,339	86
EXPENDITURES.	
Outstanding orders, 3	00 36 11 23 70 00
Town orders, 3,290 \$7,356 Balance in treasury, 1,983 \$9,339	83
JAMES A. CRAIG, Treasu	rer.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

The report of the librarian contains all the statistics pertaining to the running of the library for 1904 and reference is made thereto for the same. The expenditures of the West legacy has been curtailed for want of room for so large an addition of books as its amount warrants for purchase. We have expended on this account \$57.23, in accordance to the terms of the Catherine Wood West will. Every friend of our library is aware that it has reached a size that taxes severely the capacity of an ordinary dwelling house. In our opinion the time has come when a home should be provided for our library. Its size demands it, its present wants imperiously require it, its value invites it, shall it be provided? Will public spirit respond now to the call? During the year we have issued a four-page supplement, which with the catalogue contains all the books belonging to the library. These our librarian will present to every family applicant. We live in an age when libraries are well nigh universal, and library buildings are to be found in nearly every town. Libraries are made a coordinate part of the school system as well as for general entertainment. That they have not in the past, or in the present even, been fully utilized is a cause for regret, and we hope that a change in this respect may attend the near future. The following is our financial accounting, first of town appropriation:

Received town appropriation required by law, \$56 70

EXPENDITURES.

Paid balance due trustees of 1903, 1904, Paid Carrie E. Bryant, compiling supplement,	\$17 17 2 00
C. B. Perry & Son, insurance,	7 20
Darling & Co., supplements 200,	8 52
C. H. Hart, stamps,	50
	\$35 39
Balance in trustees hands,	\$21 31

ACCOUNTING WEST-LEGACY.

Received from town deposit,	\$57	23
Paid A. B. Skinner Co., books,	57	23

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD BILL, JR., ELMER T. NIMS,

Trustees.

Westmoreland, February 15, 1905.

We, the undersigned auditors, having examined the accounts of the treasurer, selectmen and trustees of library, do find them to be correct and fully vouched.

FORREST W. HALL, WILLARD BILL, Jr.,

Auditors.

Westmoreland, Feb. 15, 1905.

LIBRARIAN REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year, Fines collected,	\$1 18 2 16
	\$3 34
EXPENDITURES.	
Express on books, Daybook, mucilage and markers, Ledger, Cash to balance,	\$1 00 90 75 69
	\$3 34
Number of volumes as reported in 1904,	1,858
Number of volumes purchased by town,	3
Number of volumes purchased with Martha	
Wood Burt Memorial Fund,	53
Number of volumes presented by Charles P. Hall, Number of volumes presented by the United	69
States,	7
Number of volumes presented by New Hampshire,	5
Number of volumes presented by Adine Buffum,	1
Number of volumes presented by J. H. Bridge,	1
Present number volumes, Number patrons, Number volumes issued,	1,997 150 1,960
CARRIE E. BRYA	NT,
Lik	orarian.
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February 15, 1905.

REPORT OF TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS.

RECEIPTS.

Interest on school district funds for the support of schools:

From five notes of the town of Westmoreland,	\$132	86
From mortgage notes of E. T. Nims,	16	23
From two school district notes,	. 5	70
From mortgage note of Carrie Stockwell,	10	00
From mortgage note of F. W. Pierce,	12	00
From mortgage note of B. J. Leach,	13	80
From note of C. C. Hall,	5	83
	\$196	42
Interest on cemetery funds:		
Charlotte West cemetery fund,	\$12	00
Gline cemetery fund,	3	37
Lucy E. Stratton cemetery fund,	3	73
Ephriam Hunt, cemetery fund,	3	03
Warren Shelly, cemetery fund,	2	03
	\$24	16
Amount of interest received and available for		
schools and cemeteries.	\$220	58

EXPENDITURES.

Paid J. A. Craig, town treasurer, interest on school district funds, \$196-42

J. A. Craig, town treasurer, interest on of funds,	eemet	ery \$24	16
		\$220	58
Received from school district, interest of fund, note applied to principal,	on Lo		74
STATEMENT OF INVESTM	ENTS	S	
Jothan Lord fund, amount,		\$1,439	69
Cheshire County Savings Bank,	924		
Cheshire County Provident Institution,	320	14	
Westmoreland school district, note of			
income applied to principal,	194	37	
		\$1,439	69
Town literary fund note;		\$1,772	
Interest paid town treasurer,		106	
Eliphalet Fox fund, amount of		\$1000	
Elmer T. Nims, note of	220		
Bradley J. Leach, note of	230		
Town of Westmoreland, note of	250	00	
Keene Savings Bank, book of	200	00	
Westmoreland school district, note of	100	00	
		\$1,000	00
Interest paid town treasurer,		\$64	
Estey fund, amount of		\$1,000	
	\$200		
Town of Westmoreland, notes of	300		
Cheshire County Savings Bank, book of	100	00	
Keene Five Cents Savings Bank, book of	200	00	
Elmer T. Nims, note of	185	97	
School district of Westmoreland, note of	14	03	
		\$1,000	00
Interest paid town treasurer,		\$25	
Charlotte A. West library fund, amount,		\$600	

Invested in note of town of Westmore- land,	\$500	00		
Received by Willard Bill, Jr., library trustee, for books,	57	23		
Cash in Cheshire National Bank,	42			
			\$600	00
Amount available of funds,	\$542	77	4000	
Accured interest on town note,	8	87		
		,	\$551	64
Cemetery funds, amount,			\$672	00
Charlotte West fund, note of E. T. Nims,		0.0		
Warren Shelly fund, deposited in Keene Savings Bank,	50	00		
Hunt fund, deposited in Cheshire County				
Savings Bank, Gline fund, deposited in Cheshire County	100	00		
Savings Bank,	122	00		
Lucy E. Stratton fund, deposited in				
Keene Savings Bank,	100	00		
			\$672	0.0
Interest paid town treasurer,		,	\$24	
Total amount of funds in trust,		\$	6,737	00
Respectfully submit	tted,			
	J. A.	CI	RAIG, Trus	tee.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

The total school funds from all sources for the year ending Feb. 15, 1905, are as follows:

Required by law,		\$1,134	00
Raised in addition,		450	00
State literary fund,	10	91	30
Town literary fund,		196	42
Dog license,		100	00
Raised to pay note,		500	00
Raised to pay interest,		175	00
Raised for special repairs,		28	11
Total,		\$2,674	83
Received for school purposes,		\$1,806	36
Note of F. A. Knight,		500	00
Interest on same,		75	00
Special repairs,		28	11
Due on interest acct.,		100	00
Due for schools,		165	36
		\$2,674	83
Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1904,		160	75
		\$2,834	51

Against this amount the school board has drawn 89 orders amounting to \$2,588.21.

For amount paid different individuals, see report of treasurer.

There is due the town for insurance of the new school house, \$40. There are also five orders issued and not paid amounting to \$47.85.

The outbuilding at the North school house is in a very dilapidated and disgraceful condition. The board recommend that it be torn down and a new one built in its place.

The supervision of the schools has been left entirely with the superintendent for the year past and it is to his credit that the schools have been eminently successful.

The school board has done nothing which it could consistently avoid doing, and in submitting this brief report, makes no charge for its services.

Respectfully,

F. A. KNIGHT,
JAMES A. CRAIG,
CARROLL F. CAPRON,
School Board of Westmoreland.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

TERM.	School.	TEACHER.	No. of pupils.	Average daily attendance.	Visits by Supt.	Visits by parents and others.	Length of school in weeks.	Wages of teacher per month.
Spring Fall Winter	}Village Primary{	Alice Butterfield	28 21 18	22 19 16	5 6 4	25 37 14	10 10 10	\$36 36 36
Spring Fall Winter	North End	Lillian Bartlett Florence K. Wonson Florence K. Wonson	27 24 23	25 20 16	4 7 5	28 10 10	10 92/5 10	32 32 32
Spring Fall Winter.	$iggr\} ext{E. Westmoreland} iggr\{$	Mabel E. Nims Stella J. Cherry Stella J. Cherry	22 22 25	17 19 21	444	37 37 36	10 10 10	32 32 32
Fall	Corner (No. 9) Corner (No. 9) Poocham	V. O. Wilder Jennie L. Bemis Anna M. Barker	22 15 21	20 12 19	4 6 5	21 7 19	10 10 10	36 32 28
Spring Fall Winter		Ella M. Parker	26 31 28	21 27 22	4 8 4	11 12 14	12 12 10	50 50 50
Winter	Meadow	F. Bertha Atherton	8.	6½	3	9	10	24

ROLL OF HONOR.

Perfect attendance for the year: George A. Capron, Lyle Craig, Russell Wellington.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Board of Westmoreland:

Gentlemen—It is my privilege to present to you and through you to the citizens of Westmoreland my third annual report.

TEACHERS.

The average quality of service rendered by our teachers during the past year, will compare very favorably with former years.

At the close of the school year in June we lost by resignation or otherwise all but one of our teachers. Those who are now filling their places have served so efficiently that it is hoped they can be retained for a much longer time.

One of the most serious causes of weakness in the schools of the smaller towns of our state is found in the frequent changes of teachers. I would recommend in this connection that, as far as possible, no teacher be engaged for a period less than one year, provided her work proves satisfactory.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Under its present capable principal, Mr. W. F. Avery, the Westmoreland grammar and high school maintains its excellent reputation for scholarship and conduct. It is expected that a class, creditable in point of numbers and ability, will be graduated from the regular three years' course this year.

The course of studies for all our schools should be somewhat revised and made more definite in some subjects.

In revising the course of study for the high school it would seem best to give more prominence to the needs of those pupils who cannot take a more extended high school course in other towns. Some provision should also be made for those young men and women of our town who feel the need of more education, but cannot take the full three years' course now offered.

For such students a course comprising exercises in practical English, business methods, commercial arithmetic and bookkeeping, together with some work in elementary science and civics could be arranged.

If it could be planned for this special work to be taken for the most part in the winter terms, it might prove of great value to many young people who would otherwise lack such advantages.

If it is also thought best to include in the course the

studies required to secure the state approval for a two or three years' course, an assistant teacher might be necessary for at least a part of the year.

A child at the age of fourteen may have finished the larger part of the grade work required and is under no legal obligation to attend school. But no normal child under ordinary conditions should end his school days at this early age. For him to do so is little short of a calamity to himself as well as to the community.

His reasoning powers are then more readily developed than at an earlier age, and he can be trained to see the facts learned in their larger relations and make practical application of what he acquires.

His earning capacity, his opportunities for happiness, and his value as a citizen will all be seriously limited if he only fulfills the legal requirement of school attendance.

For these reasons it is most encouraging to note the general interest and loyalty manifested toward our high school by pupils and citizens generally throughout the town.

The school has done good work so far in what might be termed its experimental period. But under wise official direction and supported by an intelligent public sentiment, it may attain in the future a much larger measure of usefulness to the community.

ATTENDANCE.

What has been said of the importance of attendance above the legal age of fourteen applies with still more force to those under that age. For the child, who, by absence or irregular attendance, loses his interest and standing in the grade work is less likely to be able or willing to profit by advanced instruction in a high school.

Can there be any valid excuse for allowing a child in good health to remain out of school for an entire term or to attend so irregularly that non-attendance would be better for him and the school?

The parent who, for trivial reasons, allows his child to stay away from school fails in his highest duty as a parent and citizen and should be made to feel the force of public censure and official action.

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

The expense for books and supplies this year has been much less than a normal average.

The Ward and Heath readers purchased this year have proved helpful in giving classes greater variety, interest, and power of expression. Each pupil should be able to read readily not less than five books adapted to his grade before being promoted to a higher class.

I would recommend that enough Frye's geographies be purchased to supply all the schools in town, also a few more supplementary readers.

Much more satisfactory work could be done in primary classes if they could be provided with more of the comparatively inexpensive material for busy work and object lessons.

LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR.

One hindrance to effective grading is our short school year. It is hardly reasonable to expect our pupils to accomplish in thirty weeks what pupils in other schools do in thirty-six or forty. It would improve conditions considerably if two weeks could be added to our school year.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

No extensive repairs of our school buildings seem necessary. But in each building there are one or more matters demanding attention. One of the most pressing needs is at the North End division where a new stove and pipe are much needed.

Several outbuildings should receive attention for moral as well as sanitary reasons.

Few realize how largely a child is influenced by his surroundings. Well-lighted, cheerful, attractive rooms assist materially in securing good order and scholarship.

At a comparatively trifling expense, rooms which now are somewhat dark and forbidding might be made attractive and homelike. The rooms could be thoroughly cleaned and the furniture dressed; the ceilings and walls could be tinted or painted in light cheerful colors, and the windows could be provided with opaque shades rolling from the bottom, or provided with adjustable fixtures so that the eyes of the pupils would not suffer from improper or insufficient light.

Quite extensive repairs are in progress in the heating arrangements at the village schoolhouse by which it is hoped to improve the conditions of both heat and ventilation.

But however perfect a system may be introduced, much will still depend on good janitor service. The good results secured during the past winter are no doubt partly due to the faithful work of the janitor, guided by the intelligent oversight of the principal.

Respectfully submitted,

CLINTON J. RICHARDS.

Westmoreland, N. H., Feb. 15, 1905.

REPORT OF THE

TREASURER OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

OF WESTMORELAND.

RECEIPTS.

1904.		
Feb. 17.	Balance from 1903,	\$160 75
July 7.	Received,	706 36
Sept. 3.	Received of town treasurer,	28 11
Oct. 1.	Received of town treasurer,	100 00
Nov. 5.	Received of town treasurer	575 00
Nov. 5.	Received of town treasurer,	500 00

1905. Feb. 15.	•	\$500	00
Due treas	surer, '	\$2,570 \$17	22
		\$2,588	21
	EXPENDITURES.	,	
1904.	D. 1 II	Φ4.4	0.5
Feb. 17.	Paid Herman F. Lane,	\$11	
Feb. 17. Mar. 6.	Glenn E. Britton, Elmer T. Nims,		25 06
Mar. 12.			50
	Eva E. Aldrich,		00
Mar. 12.			00
Mar. 25.	Frank Elmore,		00
Apr. 11.	F. W. Aldrich,		60
May 7.	W. S. Starkey,		00
May 7.	H. P. Stevens,	2	50
May 7.	Barker & Burt,	35	00
May 7.	M. M. Greeley,	3	00
May 9.	C. J. Richards,	8	05
June 9.	Byron B. Lund,	30	00
June 9.	F. A. Knight,	23	50
June 9.	Lillian Bartlett,	80	00
June 17.	Mabel E. Nims,	80	00
June 17.	George A. Capron,	5	00
June 17.	Alice Butterfield,		00
June 17.	Veronica Wilder,	90	00
June 17.	H. J. Goodnow,		80
June 17.	Chas. Stoddard,		70
June 17.	A. Paine,	6	30
June 17.	Starr M. Greeley,	150	
July 1.		2	64
July 1. July 1.	C. H. Hart, G. E. Richardson,		00
July 1.	O. D. Richardson,	20	50

July 1.	Lyle L. Craig,	\$5	00
July 1.	Leslie E. Farr,	5	00
July 1.	F. W. Aldrich,	4	50
July 4.	Sumner Parker,	12	00
July 6.	James A. Craig,	10	00
July 6.	Chester McClening,	5	40
July 12.	Ethel M. Shaw,	5	00
July 12.	Spencer Hardware Co.,		45
July 12.	Guy L. Pierce,	10	40
Sept. 3.	Willard Bill, Jr.,	28	11
Oct. 1.	W. F. Avery,	20	00
Oct. 1.	W. F. Avery,	15	00
Oct. 1.	W. F. Avery,	15	00
Oct. 1.	Fred M. Wheeler,	8	00
Oct. 1.	W. C. Hatch,	3	00
Oct. 1.	Stella J. Cherry,	32	00
Oct. 29.	Byron B. Lund,	30	00
Nov. 5.	James A. Craig,	5	70
Nov. 5.	F. A. Knight,	575	00
Nov. 5.	H. J. Goodnow,	4	40
Nov. 5.	W. F. Avery,	25	00
Nov. 5.	W. F. Avery,	7	00
Nov. 5.	F. B. Robertson,	2	50
Nov. 5.	W. F. Avery,	10	00
Nov. 8.	Lyle L. Craig,	2	40
Nov. 11.	W. F. Avery,	20	00
Nov. 11.	Alice Butterfield,	90	00
Nov. 11.	C. L. Stoddard,	7	20
Nov. 11.	W. A. Stoddard,	1	30
Nov. 11.	Kate L. Stoddard,	4	85
Nov. 11.	Jennie L. Bemis,	80	00
Nov. 18.	W. F. Avery,	38	00
Nov. 18.	Lawrence Burt,	12	00
Nov. 18.	Ethel M. Shaw,	3	00
Nov. 18.	Geo. O. Capron,	5	00
Nov. 18.	Stella Cherry,	48	00
Nov. 18.	Miss Wonson,	80	00

Nov.	23.	Charles Dragoon,	\$30	00
Nov.	23.	A. A. Whitman,	7	40
Dec.	3.	Fred M. Wheeler,	11	00
Dec.	3.	Chester McClening,	. 5	05
Dec.			9	90
Dec.	6.	W. F. Avery,	25	00
1905.				
Jan.	7.	Florence Wonson,	20	00
Jan.	7.	W. F. Avery,	20	00
Jan.	7.	Henry Kingsbury,	. 2	00
Jan.	7.	Stella M. Cherry,	32	00
Jan.	7.	F. W. Aldrich,	4	90
Feb.	3.	Stella M. Cherry,	48	00
Feb.	3.	Florence Wonson,	. 60	00
Feb.	3.	John Rowke,	2	00
Feb.	3.	W. F. Avery,	80	00
Feb.	3.	Alice Butterfield,	90	00
Feb.	3.	Anna M. Barker,	70	00
Feb.	4.	Fred Wheeler,	9	40
Feb.	4.	Byron B. Lund,	30	00
Feb.	4.	M. M. Greeley,	1	50
Feb.	4.	F. Bertha Atherton,	60	00
Feb.	4.	E. C. Green,	10	00
Feb.	4.	S. H. Burt,	1	20
Feb.	8.	Lawrence Burt,	12	50
			\$2,588	21
T	he fo	ollowing notes represent the written	liabilities	of
the d				
		Oat 1 1005 Willowd Dill In	9500	00

Note due Oct. 1, 1905, Willard Bill, Jr.,	\$500	00
Note due Jan. 3, 1906, J. A. Craig, trustee,		
with accrued interest,	308	90
	\$808	90

A. A. BAKER, Treasurer. This certifies that I have examined the foregoing report of the treasurer of the school district of Westmoreland for the year ending Feb. 15, 1905, and find the same correct and fully vouched.

E. T. NIMS, Auditor.

Westmoreland, Feb. 18, 1905.

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT.

To Willard Bill, Jr., Dr., special agency.

ACCOUNT OF NEW SCHOOL HOUSE HEATING.

1904.				
Mar.	13.	To labor of self,	\$1	00
Mar.	19.	To 2 bbls. lime, cash paid Knowlton		
		& Stone,	2	5 0
Mar.	21.	To 1 day labor of self,	1	50
		To 24 bunches lath, paid J. E. Hart-		
		well,	6	00
Mar.	22.	To work of self, man and horses,	4	50
Mar.	23.	To work of self and man,	3	00
Mar.	25.	To work of self, 1 day,	1	50
		To cash paid J. E. Hartwell, labor,	1	00
Mar.	26.	To work of self, 1 day,	1	50
		To cash paid H. S. Black, 31 hours		
		work,	4	65
		To cash paid A. J. Buffum, work,	10	00
		To cash paid M. M. Greeley, work,	7	50
		To cash paid M. M. Greeley, hair,		18
Nov.	8.	To cash paid E. C. Green, labor,		50
		To labor of self,		00
Nov.	11.	To labor of self,	2	00
		To labor of self,	1	50
Dec.	3.	To cash paid Nims Whitney & Co., 8		
		storm windows,	25	00

		To cash paid B. & M. R. R., freight, \$0 35
		To labor of self, 1 00
Dec.	5.	To labor 8 hours, self and man, 1 20
Dec.	6.	To labor 7 hours, self and man, 105
		To cash paid Sheldon, board of ma-
		sons, 2 25
		To cash paid C. H. Hart, screws, 35
Dec.	29.	To cash paid John Carroll, work, 11 07
		To cash paid G. W. Ball's Sons, for brick, 8 00
		To cash paid Larkin A. Streeter, work, 2 40
		To cash paid Charles Wood, work, 2 00
1905.		
Jan.	11.	To cash paid Knowlton & Stone, 1 bbl.
_		lime, 2 50
Jan.	27.	To cash paid John Wood, labor, 4 00
Jan.	31.	To cash paid Geo. B. Allbee, stove,
		registers, etc., 66 17
		To cash paid A. J. Buffum, work, lum-
		ber and nails, 6 90
		To 127 feet lumber, 1 90
		To cash paid C. H. Hart, 22 lbs. nails, 88
Feb.	4.	To labor of self,
		To eash paid E. J. Goodnow, lumber
		and work, 3 23
		To cash paid Frank Jarvis, iron and
		work, 2 50
		To cash paid Rev. G. H. French, ser-
		vices and cash paid out, 14 99
		To cash paid C. Hart, nails, 68
		\$211 75

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of Willard Bill, Jr., special school district agent, and I find the account correctly cast and properly vouched and believe the same correct.

ELMER T. NIMS,

Auditor.

Westmoreland, N. H., Feb. 18, 1905.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen:

ture of 1899, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," I hereby submit In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session, 1887, amended by the legislathe following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1904.

Age of Mother.	## ## ## ## ## ## ## ## ## ## ## ## ##
Age of Father.	# # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # #
Birthplace of Mother.	Ireland Pottersville, Vt. Westmorteland Brentwood Montague, Ms. Westmorteland Hubbardston, Ms Westmorteland Wrytworteland
Birthplace of Father.	R Ireland Chesterfield Saratoga, N. Y. Westmoreland Chesterfield Westmoreland R Nova Scotia St. Louis Arkinson, Me.
Occupation of Father.	Section hand RR Ireland Laborer Sarato, Sarato, Westm. "Chester Carpenter Westm Section hand RR Nova Sartist Artist Artist Farmer Artist Westm
Maiden Name of Mother.	Kate Barron Mary A. Potter Alice V. Greeley Viola L. Dutton Berna M. Norcross Lucy Savage Lucy Savage Brat B. Hunfley Ruth B. Hunfley Florence B. Farr Rose M. Taff
Name of Father.	James Dunn Frank Fields Charles H. Hall Lewellyen W. Britton William McCleming Bert C. Parker William B. Wheaton George A. Harker C. Blifott Witham Alexander Paine
No. ofchild o a	100H00H00H00
Stillborn.	
Male or Female.	HHHKHHKKK
Name of Child (if any).	Apr. 4 14 Howard W. 18 Lewis A. 12 William D. May 3 Vera Bell July 19 July 19 Aug 24 Ruth 3 Ratch 3 Majorie B.
Date of Birth.	Apr. 4, 144, 188, 188, 199, 199, 199, 199, 199, 199

Marriages Registered in the Town of Westmoreland, N. H., for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1904.

Name, Residence and Official Staries tion of person in by whom mar-	Westmoreland 1st Rev. C. B. Elder	2d	2d Rev G. H. French	2d Westmortana	2d Rev G. H. French	1st	1st Rev G. H. French	1st	4h RevV Tomlinson	2d	1st Rev. T. Roscoe	1st westmoreigna	2d Rev G. H. French	2d
Birthplace of Parents.	Westmoreland 1	Sullivan 2		gMs.	Poultney, Vt. 2 Swanton, Vt. 2	Keene Nelson	pun	ਜ	Putney, Vt. 4			Chesterfield 1	and	
Names of Parents.		Stephen Wyman Myra L. Wyman Sullivan		Daniel Aldrich Rebecca Aldrich	Samuel Authur Louisa Authur	George Ellis Marion Ellis	Nathaniel Norriss Natick, Ms. Millie M. Norriss Westmoreland	William Waters Mary Waters	Benjamin Clark Catharine Clark	Amos Ross Abby A. Ross	AlonzoRi'hards'n Clinton, Ms. Amor't Richa'd'n	Murry Davis Elvira Davis	ills	Evard R. Willard Harrisville Lizzie A. Willard Keene
Place of Birth, of each.	Westmoreland	Hanover	Hartford, Conn	Westmoreland	Poultney, Vt.	Roxbury	Westmoreland	Epping	Lempster	Sterling, Ms.	Westmoreland	Chesterfield	Swanzey	
Occupation of Groom and Bride.	2 Sawyer	24 Housekeeper Hanover	34 Laborer	45 Housekeeper	40 Farmer	24 Housekeeper	21 Farmer	18 Housekeeper Epping	66 Carpenter	6 Housekeeper	90 Farmer	19 Housekeeper	26 Butcher	25 Housekeeper Harrisville
Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Westmo'ela'd 32 Sawyer	24	3	4.	44	2	, CA	,,	9	Worcester Ms 6	Westmo'ela'd 20 Farmer	Chesterfield	Harrisville 2	
Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Melvin S. Derby	Ruth N. Wilkinson	Aug.29 Westmo'ela'd Joseph Donahue	Millie E. Norris	Eugene R. Authur	Alice Ellis	Harold E. Norris	Lilla E. Waters	21 Worcester Ms Chandler Clark	Elizabeth E. Jennison Worcester Ms 66 Housekeeper	Dec. 8 Westmo'ela'd Frank Richardson	Maude Davis	T. Sherman Hills	Hattie A. Alley
Place of Marriage.	Keene		Westmo'ela'd		*		,		Worcester Ms		Westmo'ela'd		3	-9
Date of Mar- riage.	June 16 Keene		Aug.29		Oct. 17		Nov.22	,	21		Dec. 8		27	

* Whether single or widowed. What marriage -- whether 1st, 2d, etc.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1904.

	Maiden Name of Mother.	Fanny Higgins Persis Stone Ruth Higgins Susannah Reed Mancy Jasper Bllen H. Trowbridge Ortensia Briggs Mehitable Trask Helen Sawyer Rebecca Whiting Alfreda Patten Anna Wilbur Caroline Bnerson Ortha Britton Silva A. Stevens Harriet L. Rodwood Lucinda Wilson Dra M. Wilson Bra M. Wilson Bra M. Wilson Bra M. Wilson Bra M. Wilson Lucretia Hastings Lucretia Hastings	
	Name of Father.	Orford, Vt. Marlboro Putney, Vt. Putney, Vt. Putney, Vt. Putney, Vt. Richmond, Ms. Stephen Streeter Swanzey Burlington, Vt. Burlington, Vt. Burlington, Vt. Burlington, Vt. Stephen Streeter John Veasey Gharles Hildreth Supplied No. Burlington, Vt. Burlington, Vt. Swanzey Billings Flailax, Vt. Swanzey Haliax, Vt. Swanzey Mestmoreland Allen W. Weeder Allen W. Weeder Allen W. Wanan Milsan B. Wheaton Charles H. Hall Westmoreland Westm	
Place of Birth.	Mother.		
	Father.	Chesterfield Acton, Ms. St. Johnsbury, Vt. Westmoreland Royalston, Ms. Durham, P. Q. Westmoreland Massachusetts Canada Leydon, Ms. Leydon, Ms. Westmoreland Surry Lempster Walpole Gilsum Novas Social Springfield, Vt. Langdon Novas Social Novas Social Leads Novas Social Novas Social Leadind Novas Social Novas Social Leadind Novas Social Novas Social Leadind Retinand Ereland Bugland Roxbury	
Sex and Cond'n	*.W,.M,.8	KKWKKS KK KKKKSWKKSKWW	
Sex	Male or Female.	サスサスススススコナスス・コイスス・コスス・コスス	
Age.	Months.	Westmoreland Gel 1027	
Ag	Years,	ਜ ਜ	
,dta	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Jan. 4 Charles Kimpton 50 " 9 Persis M. Noyes 66 " 17 Ambrose Higgins 68 " 17 Ambrose Higgins 68 " 18 John Works 68 " 18 John Works 68 " 19 Cherist Shepardson 75 " 19 Ortensia A. Veases 32 " 10 Ortensia A. Veases 32 " 10 Ortensia A. Pitrector 84 Apr. 17 Margaret M. Leach 47 " 10 Ortensia A. P. Hall 45 " 30 Elizabeth M. Wiley 86 Aug. 69 Della M. Fanney 25 Septi 1 Gladys Battlemay 86 " 21 Elliott Wyman 88 " 22 Walter F. Bingham 40 Oct. 2 Susan L. Hall 75 " 22 Johan P. Reed 75 " 22 Johan P. Bennett 75 " 22 Johan P. Reed 75 " 22 Johan P. Katlan 60 " 22 Johan P. Katlan 60 " 22 Johan P. Bennett 75 " Rahph H. Wheaton 75 " Rahph H. Wheaton 75 " Rahph H. Wheaton 75 " 22 Johan P. Bennett 75 " 22 Johan P. Bennett 75 Mar. 7 Martha Cobb Mar. 7 Martha Cobb Mar. 7 Hartha Cobb	

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1904.

	Maiden Name of Mother.	Betsey Morse Margaret Sheehan Charlotte Watkins Mary Pratt Bmlly Young Alice Magnire Mary Hazelton
	Name of Father.	James Perry Mathey Gaffeny Levi S. Leonard Timothy Metali Russell Young John Mulgrear Jacob Rich
Place of Birth.	Mother.	Cape Cod, Ms. James Perry Ireland Mathey Gaf Walpole Levi S. Leoi Fitzwilliam Timothy Me Ireland John Mulgra
	Father.	S Cape Cod, Ms. M Ireland W Walpole England W New York W Ireland
Sex and Cond'n	S., M., W.*	
Se C	Male or	KAKKKKK
	Place of Birth.	Keene Ireland 5.22 Walpole Long Island, N. Y. Ireland Barnard, Vt.
Age.	Days.	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
Ag	Years. Months.	77 888 488 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
ıth.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	June 19 George B. Perry July 20 Thomas C. Gaffeny 21 Tevi S. Leonard Sept. 1 George Metcalf Oct. 19 Tevi S. William Dec. 2 Tevi S. Jude 19 Jacob E. Rich

^{*} Single, married or widowed. † Deaths at Cheshire County Almshouse.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EDWIN J. GOODNOW, Town Clerk.

